

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CISRS EXPANDS INTO CARIBBEAN**

CISRS training is now available in the Caribbean thanks to a new partnership between Scaffolding Manufacturers Trinidad LTD (SMTL) and Simian Skill.

Level 1, Level 2, Basic Inspection and Scaffolding Supervisor courses will soon be available at SMTL's purpose-built training centre in Point Lisas, Trinidad, following a successful CISRS Overseas Scaffolders Training Scheme (OSTS) audit earlier this month.

Philip Archie, Managing Director at SMTL, said: "As we continue making mammoth strides, we are proud to announce this partnership with Simian Skill, through which we can offer CISRS scaffold training in Trinidad, setting the pace for the transformation of the scaffolding industry in the Americas."

Ian Fyall, Managing Partner at Simian Skill, said: "We are pleased to open our ninth overseas CISRS partner centre, this time with SMTL, one of the most established scaffold companies in Trinidad. This goes to show the CISRS scheme has no boundaries with Simian having centres in the Middle East, Asia, Africa and now the Americas.

"This centre is finished to a very high standard, with excellent space for training delivery and first rate practical and classroom areas. All scaffolding materials, PPE etc are brand new and meet the required BS/EN standards. We cannot wait to get the training underway."

Whilst in Trinidad, David Mosley, CISRS Scheme Manager, and Ian Fyall were invited to give a presentation on the CISRS scheme to the health and safety department of Atlantic LNG, one of the world's largest producers of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) with an established reputation as a safe and reliable operator.

The pair were also invited to take part in one of the twice daily health and safety site walk rounds with the health and safety department and contractors, which aim to highlight not only any potential issues which could occur but recognise and praise the safe practices of those working on the site.

David Mosley said: "We would like to thank Atlantic LNG for inviting us to the site at Port Fortin, these sorts of visits are invaluable for gaining an insight to Scaffolding practices in a region. Congratulations to SMTL and Simian. They have done a great job with the centre.

"We hope both clients and contractors will support them with their aim to establish recognised scaffold training qualifications in the Caribbean and wish them every success for the future."

SMTL is one of the largest scaffolding companies in the Caribbean, with more than 45 years of service in the industry. SMTL continues to strive for excellence by providing every customer and stakeholder with the highest quality of service and putting safety first at all times.

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**Notes to Editors:**

The Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) has been the industry recognised scaffold training scheme for over 40 years.

It is the preferred scaffolding qualification of all the major organisations including CSCS, NASC, HSE, Build UK, UNITE and the largest scaffold systems manufacturers.

The scheme, established in the 1960s, has 66,000+ CISRS card holders in the UK & 6,500+ OSTs card holders overseas.

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